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\$20 Million Returned in 1st 6 Months of 2012!

State Treasury Prepares for County Fair Season; Will Help Wisconsinites Claim Their Cash!

(Madison) State Treasurer Kurt Schuller and his staff from the Unclaimed Property Unit are proud to announce returning a **record \$20.3 million** in unclaimed property in just 6 months! In 2011, the Office of State Treasurer returned nearly \$34 million for the <u>entire year</u>.

"I am thrilled to get this much money back in the hands of those who need it and didn't even know it was missing!" said State Treasurer Kurt Schuller. "We are gaining momentum through our Community Outreach program. You will see us at more County Fairs with the unclaimed property database to see if the State Treasury is holding some of your lost money."

Schuller and staff will attend four County fairs as well as the Wisconsin State Fair with more fairs at the end of August in the works. Anyone who stops by the Unclaimed Property Booth can search the database for lost money.

Fair Tour for Treasurer Schuller

July 17-22	Fond Du Lac County	www.fonddulaccountyfair.com
July 24-29	Washington County	www.washingtoncountyfair.com
Aug 2-12	Wisconsin State Fair	www.wistatefair.com
Aug 7-12	Winnebago County	www.winnebagocountyfair.com
Aug 16-19	Dodge County	www.dodgecountyfairgrounds.com

There is more than \$400 million dollars in unclaimed assets held by the State Treasury. This money comes from forgotten paychecks, insurance premium overpayments, utility deposits, forgotten bank accounts, forgotten stocks, abandoned safe deposit boxes and many other forms of assets that have been lost, forgotten about or that people did not even know they had! There are more than 2 million "properties" held by the Office of State Treasurer. You can search for missing money 24/7 online at www.wismissingmoney.com or call 855-375-CASH (2274)
